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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 684
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Officer Tim Buchanan on receiving the Centerville Police Department Medal of Valor.

WHEREAS, police officers heroically risk their lives to help citizens and sometimes to save the lives of other law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded Centerville Police Officer Tim Buchanan, who was one of the first officers to receive the Centerville Medal of Valor for risking his own life to save the lives of Chief Deputy James "Hootie" Bentley and Detective Larry L. Holman, Jr., is one such exemplary law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 1999, Officers Buchanan, John Estes, and Jerry Simmons were sent by Chief Roger Livengood to a home in the Blue Water community to provide support when Bentley and Holman were shot by an unknown assailant and lay wounded on the ground for more than 90 minutes; and

WHEREAS, Officer John Estes, Deputies Dennis Goltz and Carl Hutchinson, and Constable Wayne Qualls located the wounded Chief Bentley and carried him to a patrol car with

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officers Buchanan and Simmons. Chief Bentley was then taken to an ambulance for treatment and transport to the nearest medical facility; and

WHEREAS, Officers Buchanan and Simmons then asked three deputies, Mr. Goltz, Mr. Hutchinson, and Kenny Lynn to help rescue Detective Larry Holman; and

WHEREAS, with the three deputies acting as security, Officers Buchanan and Simmons were able to get Detective Holman into their car and back to an ambulance; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor this gallant police officer for his noble action; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor Centerville Police Officer Tim Buchanan, express our deepest appreciation for his heroism in such trying circumstances, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.